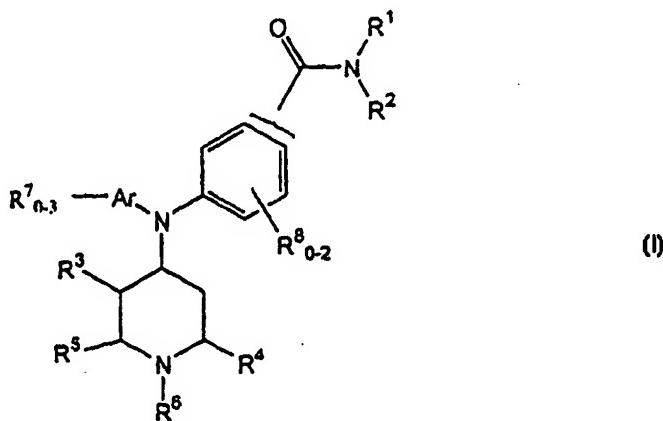




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(54) Title: 4-[ARYL(PIPERIDIN-4-YL)] AMINOBENZAMIDES WHICH BIND TO THE DELTA-OPIOID RECEPTOR



(57) Abstract

4-[aryl(piperidin-4-yl)] aminobenzamides are delta-opioid receptor agonists/antagonists of formula (I). As delta-opioid receptor agonists, such compounds are useful as analgesics. Depending on their agonist/antagonist effect, such compounds may also be useful immunosuppressants, antiinflammatory agents, agents for the treatment of mental illness, medicaments for drug and alcohol abuse, agents for treating gastritis and diarrhea, cardiovascular agents, and agents for the treatment of respiratory diseases. In formula (I), [Ar is phenyl, 1-naphthyl or 2-naphthyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 R⁷; R¹ - R⁸ are described in the application].

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4-[ARYL(PIPERIDIN-4-YL)] AMINOBENZAMIDES WHICH BIND TO THE DELTA-OPIOID RECEPTOR

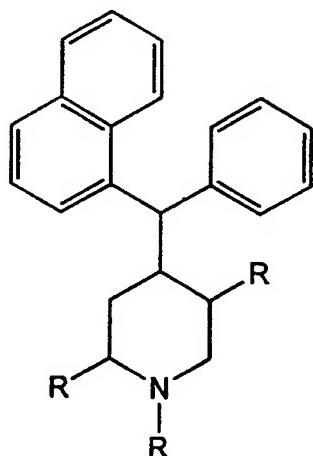
The present invention relates to delta-opioid receptor agonists/antagonists.

More particularly, the present invention relates to

4-[aryl(piperidin-4-yl)]aminobenzamides which are delta-opioid receptor agonists useful
5 as analgesics.

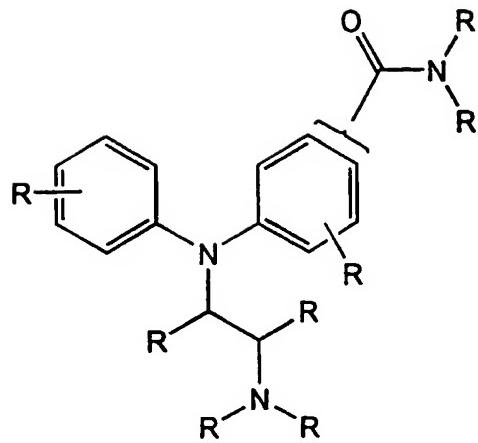
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

WO9723466 to Plobek N. et al., discloses compounds (approximately) of the formula:



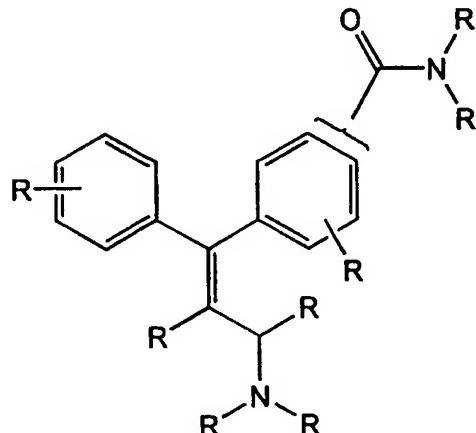
10 which are mu-opioid antagonists.

WO9636620 to Dondio G., discloses compounds (most relevantly) of the formula:



which are delta-opioid agonists/antagonists.

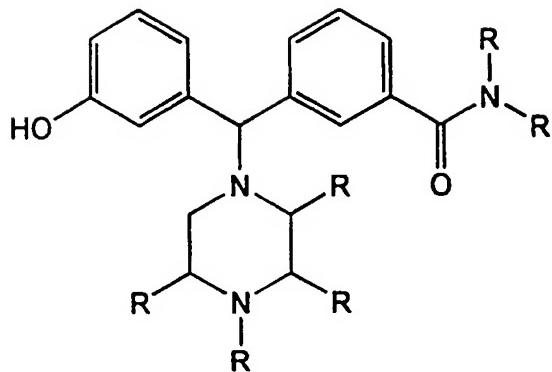
WO9710230 to Dondio G. et al., discloses compounds (most relevantly) of the formula:



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which are delta-opioid, kappa-opioid and mu-opioid receptor agonists/antagonists.

WO9315062 to Chang K. et al., discloses compounds (approximately) of the formula:



which are delta-opioid and mu-opioid receptor agonists.

It is an object of the present invention to provide delta-opioid receptor agonists as analgesics.

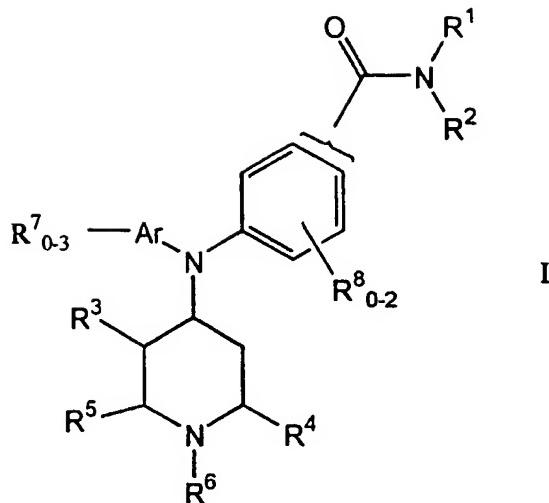
5 It is another object of the present invention to provide delta-opioid receptor selective agonists as analgesics having reduced side-effects.

It is another object of the present invention to provide delta-opioid receptor agonists/antagonists as immunosuppressants, antiinflammatory agents, agents for the treatment of mental illness, medicaments for drug and alcohol abuse, agents for treating 10 gastritis and diarrhea, cardiovascular agents, and agents for the treatment of respiratory diseases.

15 It is another object of the present invention to provide delta-opioid receptor selective agonists/antagonists as immunosuppressants, antiinflammatory agents, agents for the treatment of mental illness, medicaments for drug and alcohol abuse, agents for treating gastritis and diarrhea, cardiovascular agents, and agents for the treatment of respiratory diseases, having reduced side-effects.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

There are provided by the present invention delta-opioid receptor agonists/antagonists of the general formula:



where

Ar is phenyl, 1-naphthyl or 2-naphthyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 R⁷;

R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈alkyl;
 5 phenyl, optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy or trifluoromethyl; or benzyl, optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy or trifluoromethyl, or alternatively, R¹ and R² are taken together with their N of attachment to form a ring which is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl and hexamethyleneiminy, each
 10 said ring optionally substituted with 1 to 4 methyl groups;

R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄alkyl;

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; C₁₋₈alkyl; C₃₋₆cycloalkylC₁₋₃alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl; C₁₋₆alkoxyC₁₋₃alkyl; 4-C₁₋₄alkyl-4,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1H-tetrazol-1-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thien-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thien-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; furan-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; furan-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrrol-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrrol-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyridin-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyridin-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyridin-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrazinylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrimidin-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrimidin-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrimidin-5-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thiazol-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thiazol-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thiazol-5-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; oxazol-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl oxazol-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; oxazol-5-ylC₁₋₄alkyl

and phenylC₁₋₄alkyl, where the foregoing thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl and oxazolyl are optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with a non-fused R⁷ and the foregoing pyridinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl and phenyl is optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with R⁷;

5 R⁷ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy, C₁₋₃acyl, C₁₋₃acyloxy, cyano, amino, C₁₋₃acylamino, C₁₋₃alkylamino, di(C₁₋₃alkyl)amino, C₁₋₃alkylthio, C₁₋₃alkylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl and trifluoromethoxy, and two R⁷ can together form a single fused moiety selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)₃₋₅- and -O(CH₂)₁₋₃O- attached to adjacent carbon atoms of Ar; and

10 R⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy and trifluoromethyl.

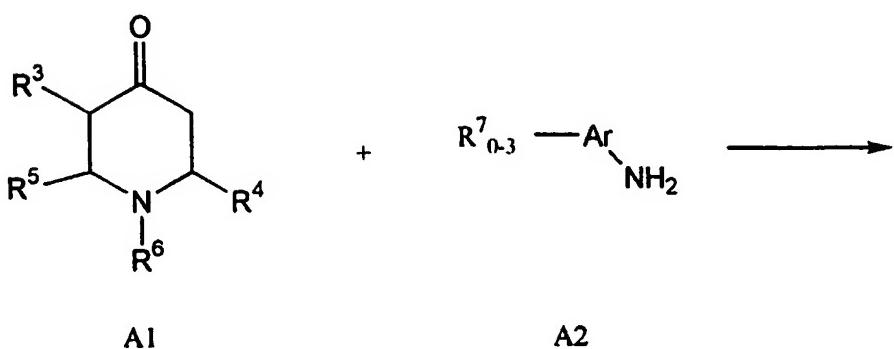
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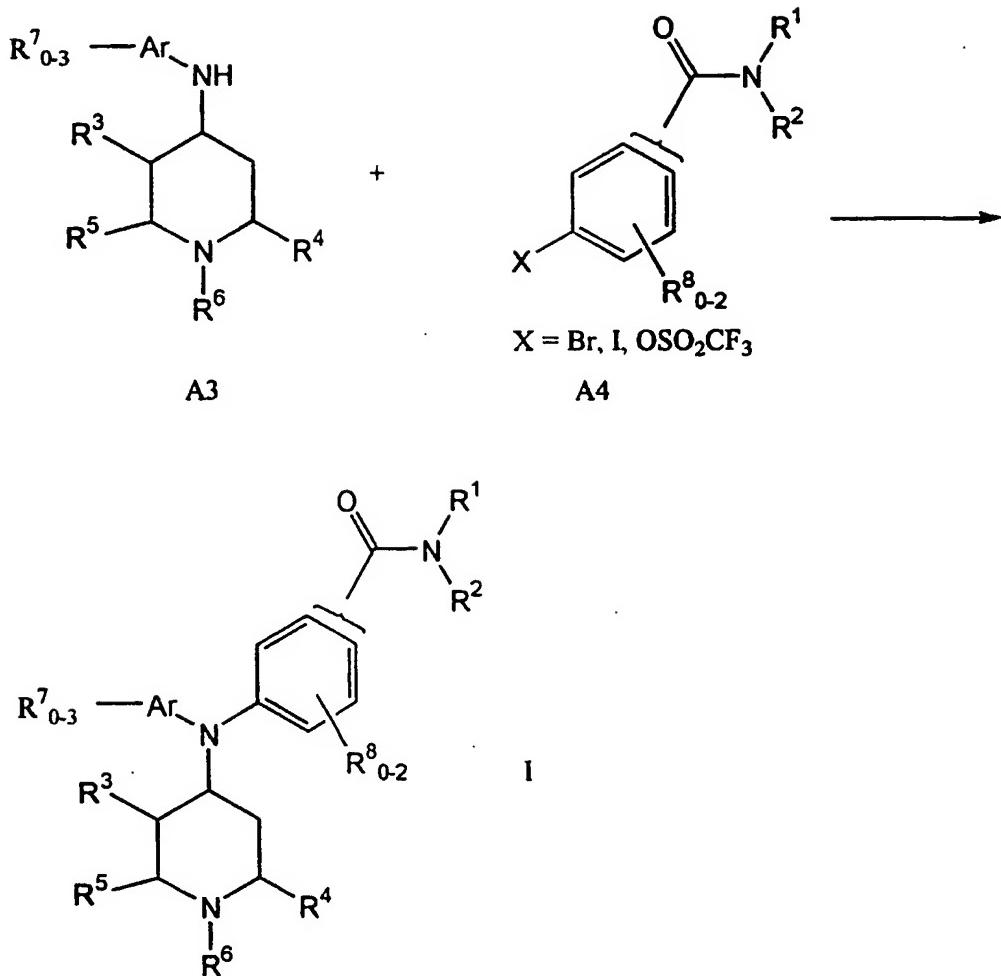
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

20 The core structure of the compounds of the present invention can be made in a two step process. This process must be modified as required by the strategy employed to obtain the various substituents. In a first strategy, the starting materials are substituted as desired with the final substituents and, where the substituents or their protected forms are stable to the reaction conditions, the core structure may be subsequently made by the 25 two step process. In a second strategy, the final core structure is obtained and, where the core structure is stable to the modifying reaction conditions, the substituents are modified as desired. Variations might include modifying the substituents on intermediates or replacing precursor substituents on the finished core structure.

Scheme A generally describes the manufacture of the compounds of the present invention. The first step of Scheme A is a reductive alkylation of piperidone A1 and amine A2 to produce N-aryl-piperidineamine A3. The reductive alkylation is carried out by combining the ketone A1, amine A2, and an appropriate solvent/reducing agent combination to form a reaction mixture which is cooled or heated as necessary. Suitable solvent/reducing agent combinations include 1,2-dichloroethane or acetonitrile/ $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$ + acid catalyst; methanol/ NaBH_3CN + acid catalyst; methanol or ethanol or isopropanol/ NaBH_4 ; or alcoholic solvent/ H_2 + noble metal catalyst. The use of the 1,2-dichloroethane or acetonitrile/ $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$ + acid catalyst combination is further described by Abdel-Magid, A. F., et al., J. Org. Chem., Vol. 61, pp 3849-3862 (1996). In the second step of Scheme A, the N-aryl-piperidineamine A3 is reacted with a bromo, iodo or trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy substituted benzamide A4 in the presence of a palladium catalyst, phosphine ligand and base to give the (N-aryl, N-piperidin-4-yl)aminobenzamide. Preferred palladium catalysts include PdCl_2 + phosphine ligand, tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) which is $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ + phosphine ligand, $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ + phosphine ligand and $\text{Pd}(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4(0)$. Suitable phosphine ligands include BINAP and tri(o-tolyl phosphine). Suitable bases include NaOtBu and Cs_2CO_3 . The reaction of the second step is an arylation further described by Buchwald, S. L., J. Org. Chem., Vol. 61, p 1133 (1996). The manufacture of the various starting materials for Scheme A is well within the skill of persons versed in this art.

SCHEME A





Preferred Ar is phenyl.

Preferred R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of
5 hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, i-butyl, phenyl,
p-chlorophenyl, p-fluorophenyl, p-methylphenyl, p-trifluoromethylphenyl, benzyl,
p-chlorobenzyl, p-fluorobenzyl, p-methylbenzyl and p-trifluoromethylbenzyl, or
alternatively, preferred R¹ and R² are taken together with their N of attachment to form
a ring which is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl.

10 Preferred R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from hydrogen, methyl, ethyl,
n-propyl, i-propyl and t-butyl.

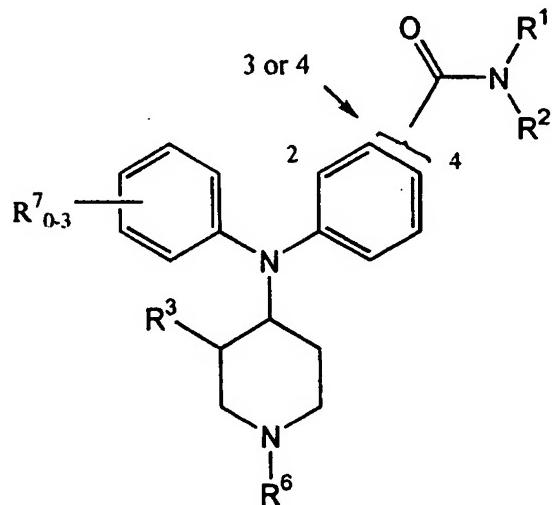
Preferred R⁶ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl,
n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, i-butyl, t-butyl, cyclopropylmethyl, ethenyl, allyl,
methoxymethyl, benzyl, p-chlorobenzyl, p-fluorobenzyl, p-methylbenzyl.

p-trifluoromethylbenzyl, p-aminobenzyl, thien-2-ylCH₂CH₂-, thien-3-ylCH₂CH₂-,
pyridin-3-ylCH₂CH₂-, pyridin-4-ylCH₂CH₂-, thiazol-2-ylCH₂CH₂- and phenylCH₂CH₂-,
any of which may be R⁷ substituted as taught above. It is a preferred embodiment of R⁶,
that where it contains a phenyl or heteroaromatic group, that the moiety linking the
5 phenyl or heteroaromatic group to the piperidinyl moiety be at least two carbon atoms
long. Thus this linking moiety might be ethyl or propyl which is beta substituted with
the phenyl or heteroaromatic group, or propyl, which is gamma substituted.

Preferred R⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy,
chloro, bromo, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, i-butyl, t-butyl,
10 methoxy, ethoxy, formyl, acyl, acetoxy, cyano, amino, methylamido, methylamino,
N,N-dimethylamino, methylthio, methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethoxy and trifluoromethyl,
and preferred moieties where two R⁷ together form a single moiety are selected from the
group consisting of propylene, butylene and -OCH₂O-.

Preferred R⁸ are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro,
15 bromo, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy and
trifluoromethyl.

Preferred compounds of the present invention have the general structure:



where R¹, R², R³, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from the groups consisting of:

Cpd#	R ⁷	R ⁶	R ¹	R ²	amide subst.	R ³
P1	none	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P2	none	-CH ₂ —<	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P3	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P4	3-OH	-CH ₂ —<	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P5	3-OH	-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P6	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P7	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P8	3-OH	-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P9	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P10	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P11	3-OH	-CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P12	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P13	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P14	none	-CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P15	none	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P16	none	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P17	3-F	-CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P18	3-F	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P19	3-F	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P20	3-OCH ₃	-CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P21	3-OCH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P22	3-OCH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P23	3,4-OCH ₂ O-	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P24	3,4-OCH ₂ O-	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P25	3,4-OCH ₂ O-	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P26	3,4-OCH ₂ O-	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P27	3-N(CH ₃) ₂	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P28	3-N(CH ₃) ₂	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H

P29	3-N(CH ₃) ₂	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
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P61	2-CH ₃ , 3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H	
P62	2-CH ₃ , 3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H	
P63	3-OCF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H	
P64	3-OCF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H	
P65	3-OCF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H	
P66	3-OCF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H	
P67	3-SCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H	
P68	3-SCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H	
P69	3-SCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H	
P70	3-SCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H	
P71	none	-CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P72	none	-H	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P73	none	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P74	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P75	3-OCH ₃	-CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P76	3-OCH ₃	-H	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P77	3-OCH ₃	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P78	3-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P79	none	-CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me	
P80	none	-H	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me	
P81	none	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me	
P82	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me	
P83	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H	
P84	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	3	H	
P85	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	3	H	
P86	none	-nC ₃ H ₇		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	3	H	
P87	* 2,3-	-nC ₃ H ₇		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	3	H
	CH=CHCH=CH-						
P88	* 2,3-	-nC ₃ H ₇		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
	CH=CHCH=CH-						
P89	3,4-(CH ₂) ₄ -	-nC ₃ H ₇		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P90	3,4-(CH ₂) ₄ -	-nC ₃ H ₇		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H

P91	3,4-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P92	3,4-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P93	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P94	m-F		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P95	m-sCH ₃		-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me
P96	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P97	m-oCH ₃		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P98	m-OH		-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me
P99	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P100	o-F		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P101	o-CH ₃		-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me
P102	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P103	p-OH		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P104	p-F		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	tr-Me
P105	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P106	m-sCH ₃		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P107	m-oCF ₃		-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	ci-Me

P108	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P109	m-CH ₃		-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P110	2, 3-oCH ₃		-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H

* Ar = naphthyl is depicted as R⁷ for convenience

The compounds of the present invention may be used to treat mild to moderately severe pain in warm-blooded animals, such as, humans by administration of an analgesically effective dose. The dosage range would be from about 1 to 3000 mg, in particular about 10 to 1000 mg or about 25 to 500 mg, of active ingredient 1 to 4 times per day for an average (70 kg) human although it is apparent that activity of individual compounds of the invention will vary as will the pain being treated. In regards to the use of these compounds as immunosuppressants, antiinflammatory agents, agents for the treatment of mental illness, medicaments for drug and alcohol abuse, agents for treating gastritis and diarrhea, cardiovascular agents, and agents for the treatment of respiratory diseases, a therapeutically effective dose can be determined by persons skilled in the art by use of established animal models. Such dosage would likely fall in the range of from about 1 to 3000 mg of active ingredient 1 to 4 times per day for an average (70 kg) human. Pharmaceutical compositions of the invention comprise the formula (I) compounds as defined above, particularly in admixture with a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

To prepare the pharmaceutical compositions of this invention, one or more compounds of the invention or salt thereof as the active ingredient, is intimately admixed with a pharmaceutical carrier according to conventional pharmaceutical compounding techniques, which carrier may take a wide variety of forms depending of the form of preparation desired for administration, e.g., oral or parenteral such as intramuscular. In preparing the compositions in oral dosage form, any of the usual pharmaceutical media may be employed. Thus, for liquid oral preparations, such as for example, suspensions, elixirs and solutions, suitable carriers and additives include water, glycols, oils, alcohols, flavoring agents, preservatives, coloring agents and the like; for solid oral preparations

such as, for example, powders, capsules and tablets, suitable carriers and additives include starches, sugars, diluents, granulating agents, lubricants, binders, disintegrating agents and the like. Because of their ease in administration, tablets and capsules represent the most advantageous oral dosage unit form, in which case solid 5 pharmaceutical carriers are obviously employed. If desired, tablets may be sugar coated or enteric coated by standard techniques. For parenterals, the carrier will usually comprise sterile water, through other ingredients, for example, for purposes such as aiding solubility or for preservation, may be included. Injectable suspensions may also be prepared, in which case appropriate liquid carriers, suspending agents and the like 10 may be employed. The pharmaceutical compositions herein will contain, per dosage unit, e.g., tablet, capsule, powder, injection, teaspoonful and the like, an amount of the active ingredient necessary to deliver an effective dose as described above.

The pharmaceutically acceptable salts referred to above generally take a form in which the nitrogen of the piperidinyl ring is protonated with an inorganic or organic 15 acid. Representative organic or inorganic acids include hydrochloric, hydrobromic, hydroiodic, perchloric, sulfuric, nitric, phosphoric, acetic, propionic, glycolic, lactic, succinic, maleic, fumaric, malic, tartaric, citric, benzoic, mandelic, methanesulfonic, hydroxyethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, oxalic, pamoic, 2-naphthalenesulfonic, p-toluenesulfonic, cyclohexanesulfamic, salicylic or saccharic.

20 The following examples are offered by way of illustration and not by way of limitation.

EXAMPLES

Procedure A

N-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-propyl-4-piperidinamine, II. A solution of 4.5 mL 25 (30 mmol) of N-propyl-4-piperidone, 3.4 mL (30 mmol) of *m*-anisidine, and 1.7 mL (30mmol) of glacial acetic acid was stirred in 120 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) and 9.49 g (45 mmol) of sodium triacetoxyborohydride was added. The solution was stirred at 25°C for 3h. The solution was washed with NaHCO₃ solution and brine. It was dried and the solvent was evaporated. The *m*-anisidine excess was distilled off in a Kugelrohr

at 100°C /0.05 Torr. There was obtained 3.5 g (47% yield) of N-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-propyl-4-piperidinamine as a solid. MS m/z = 249 ($M^+ + H$). 300 MHz 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.1 (t, 1H); 6.15-6.35 (m, 3H); 3.75 (s, 3H); 3.25 (m, 1H); 2.9 (m, 2H); 2.3 (m, 2H); 2.15 (m, 4H); 1.5 (m, 4H); 0.9 (t, 3H). Anal calcd. for 5 $C_{15}H_{24}N_2O$: C, 72.54; H, 9.74; N, 11.28. Found: C, 72.55; H, 9.51; N, 11.21.

Example 1

N,N-Diethyl-4-[3-methoxyphenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide Fumarate [1:1], C1. A solution of 3.5 g (14.1 mmol) of N-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-propyl-4-piperidinamine, 3.61 g (14.1 mmol) of N,N-diethyl-4-bromobenzamide, 129 mg (0.141 mmol) tris(dibenzylideneacetone)-dipalladium(0) (Pd_2dba_3), 263 mg (0.423 mmol) of (R)-(+)2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (+ BINAP) and 1.89 g (19.7 mmol) of sodium *t*-butoxide in 25 mL of dry toluene was heated at 110°C under Ar in a pressure vessel for 16 h. The mixture was cooled and partitioned between CH_2Cl_2 and H_2O . The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (K_2CO_3) and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was chromatographed on a Biotage Flash 75 unit using CH_2Cl_2 :MeOH:NH₄OH, 92:8:0.8 as eluent. There was obtained 3.2 g (53% yield) of N,N-diethyl-4-[3-methoxyphenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide as a solid. A fumarate salt was prepared out of 2-PrOH: mp 168-169°C. MS m/z = 424 ($M^+ + H$). 300 MHz 1H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$) δ 7.3 (t, 1H); 7.2 (d, 2H); 6.8 (d, 1H); 6.6 (m, 4H); 6.5 (s, 2H); 4.0 (m, 1H); 3.75 (s, 3H); 3.3 (q, 4H); 3.1 (d, 2H); 2.4 (m, 4H); 1.9 (d, 2H); 1.4 (m, 4H); 1.1 (t, 6H); 0.8 (t, 3H). Anal calcd. for $C_{26}H_{37}N_3O_2 \bullet C_4H_4O_4$: C, 66.77; H, 7.65; N, 7.78. Found: C, 66.69; H, 7.76; N, 7.68.

Example 2

N,N-Diethyl-4-[3-hydroxyphenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide Oxalate Hydrate [1.0:0.5:0.25], C2. A solution of 1.24 g (2.93 mmol) of N,N-diethyl-4-[3-methoxyphenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide, C1, in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was cooled to -60°C under Ar and a solution of 17.58 mL (17.58 mmol) of 1.0

M BBr₃ in CH₂Cl₂ was added dropwise. The temperature was allowed to rise to 25°C and the mixture was stirred for 18 h. It was partitioned between NaHCO₃ solution and 25% EtOH in CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent evaporated. The residue was heated under reflux in 100 mL of saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The solution was cooled and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The solution was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated to give 1.1 g (92% yield) of N,N-diethyl-4-[3-hydroxyphenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide as a gum. An oxalate salt was prepared in CH₃CN, mp 196-197°C. MS *m/z* = 410 (M⁺ + H). 300 MHz ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 7.2(m, 3H); 6.6 (m, 3H); 6.5(d, 1H); 6.4(s, 1H); 4.1(m, 1H); 3.3(q, 4H); 3.2 (m, 2H); 2.6 (m, 4H); 2.1 (d, 2H); 1.5 (m, 4H); 1.1 (t, 6H); 0.8 (t, 3H). Anal calcd. for C₂₂H₃₃N₃O₂•0.5 C₂H₂O₄•0.25 H₂O: C, 68.03; H, 8.01; N, 9.15; H₂O, 0.98. Found: C, 67.73; H, 7.73; N, 9.11; H₂O, 0.46.

Example 3

N,N-Diethyl-4-[phenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide Fumarate[1:1].

15 C3. Following the protocol of Procedure A and employing aniline in place of *m*-anisidine, N-phenyl-1-propyl-4-piperidinamine was obtained as a solid: mp 71-72°C. MS *m/z* = 217 (M⁺ + H). 300 MHz ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.1 (t, 2H); 6.65-6.5 (m, 3H); 3.5 (s, 1H); 3.25 (m, 1H); 3.3 (m, 1H) 2.9 (m, 2H); 2.3 (m, 2H); 2.15 (m, 4H); 1.5 (m, 4H); 0.9 (t, 3H).

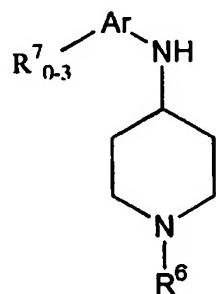
20 Then, following the procedure of Example 1 and employing N-phenyl-1-propyl-4-piperidinamine in place of N-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-propyl-4-piperidinamine, N,N-diethyl-4-[phenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide fumarate was obtained as the product: mp 152-154°C. MS *m/z* = 394 (M⁺ + H). 300 MHz ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 7.45 (t, 2H); 7.3(t, 1H); 7.2 (d, 2H); 7.05 (d, 2H); 6.55 (d, 2H); 6.5 (s, 2H); 4.0 (m, 1H); 3.3 (q, 4H); 3.1 (d, 2H); 2.4 (m, 4H); 1.9 (d, 2H); 1.4 (m, 4H); 1.1 (t, 6H); 0.8 (t, 3H).

Example 4**N-Methyl-N-phenyl-3-[phenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide**

Fumarate[1:1.4], C4. Following the procedure of Example 1 and employing N-phenyl-1-propyl-4-piperidinamine in place of N-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-propyl-4-piperidinamine and 3-bromo-N-methylbenzanilide in place of N,N-diethyl-4-bromobenzamide, N,N-diethyl-4-[phenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide fumarate [1:1.5] was obtained as the product: mp 190-191°C. MS m/z = 428 ($M^+ + H$).
 300 MHz 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ 7.35 (t, 4H); 7.2-6.9 (m, 4H) 6.55 (t, 2H); 6.5 (s, 2H); 3.85 (m, 1H); 3.3 (s, 3H); 2.9 (d, 2H); 2.4 (t, 2H); 2.2 (d, 2H); 1.6 (d, 2H); 1.4 (m, 2H); 1.1 (m, 2H); 0.8 (t, 3H).

Procedure B

Following the protocol of Procedure A and employing the appropriate aryl amine in place of *m*-anisidine and the requisite N-substituted piperidine in place of N-propylpiperidine, the following N-aryl-1-substituted-4-piperidinamines, I2 - I10, were
 15 prepared:



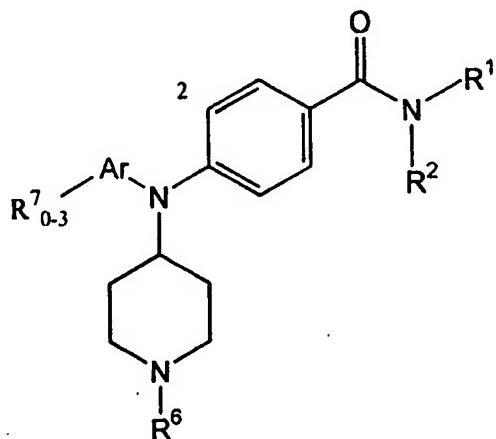
where R⁶ and R⁷ are dependently selected from the groups consisting of:

Cpd#	R ⁷ -Ar	R ⁶	MS m/z ($M^+ + H$)
I1	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	1-Propyl	249

I2	3-Cl-Ph	1-Propyl	253
I3	2-CH ₃ O-Ph	1-Propyl	249
I4	1-Naphthyl	1-Propyl	269
I5	Ph	Methyl	191
I6	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	221
I7	3-F-Ph	Methyl	209
I8	Ph	Ethyl	205
I9	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	223
I10	Ph	Benzyl	267

Example 5

Following the procedure of Example 1 and employing the appropriate N-aryl-4-piperidinamine in place of N-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-propyl-4-piperidinamine and the requisite 4-bromobenzamide in place of N,N-diethyl-4-bromobenzamide, the following compounds C5 - C45 were obtained:



where R¹, R², R⁶ and R⁷-Ar are dependently selected from the groups consisting of:

Cpd#	R ⁷ -Ar	R ⁶	R ¹	R ²	MS	Isol'n
C5	3-Cl-Ph	1-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	428	A

C6	3-Cl-Ph	1-Propyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -	426	A
C7	2-CH ₃ O-Ph	1-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	424	A
C8	1-Naphthyl	1-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	416	A
C9	1-Naphthyl	1-Propyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -	456	A
C10	Ph	Methyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	366	B
C11	Ph	Methyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl	394	B
C12	Ph	Methyl	Methyl	Ethyl	352	B
C13	Ph	Methyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl	394	B
C14	Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -	380	B
C15	Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	378	B
C16	Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -	364	B
C17	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	396	B
C18	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl	424	B
C19	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	Methyl	Ethyl	382	B
C20	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl	424	B
C21	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -	410	B
C22	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	408	B
C23	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -	394	B
C24	3-F-Ph	Methyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	384	B
C25	3-F-Ph	Methyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl	412	B
C26	3-F-Ph	Methyl	Methyl	Ethyl	370	B
C27	3-F-Ph	Methyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl	412	B
C28	3-F-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -	398	B
C29	3-F-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	396	B
C30	3-F-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -	382	B
C31	Ph	Ethyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	380	B
C32	Ph	Ethyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl	408	B
C33	Ph	Ethyl	Methyl	Ethyl	366	B
C34	Ph	Ethyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl	408	B
C35	Ph	Ethyl		-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -	394	B
C36	Ph	Ethyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	392	B
C37	Ph	Ethyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -	378	B

C38	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	398	B
C39	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl	426	B
C40	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	Methyl	Ethyl	384	B
C41	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl	426	B
C42	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -		412	B
C43	3-F-Ph	Ethyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	410	B
C44	3-F-Ph	Ethyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -	396	B
C45	Ph	Benzyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	442	A

Isolation, Method A: chromatography on SiO₂ with CH₂Cl₂ \ MeOH \ NH₄OH; 95 \ 5 \ 0.5.

Method B: Reverse phase HPLC on YMC J' sphere H80 (20/80 MeCN/0.1% aq. TFA to 90/10 MeCN/0.1% aq. TFA)

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Example 6

N,N-Diethyl-4-[3-acetoxyphenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide Hydrochloride[1:1], C46. A solution of 0.96 g (2.3 mmol) of N,N-diethyl-4-[3-hydroxyphenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide was stirred in 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and 0.17 mL of acetyl chloride was added. The mixture was stirred for 2 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue recrystallized from 2-PrOH to give 0.7g (62% yield) of the title compound as a white crystalline solid: mp 218-219°C. MS *m/z* = 452 (M⁺). 300MHz ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.3 (d 2H); 7.2 (m, 1H); 6.9 (d, 2H); 6.7 (m, 2H); 4.1 (t, 3H); 3.6 (d, 2H); 3.4 (m, 4H); 2.8 (m, 4H); 2.4(m, 2H); 2.2(s, 3H) 2.1 (d, 2H); 1.9 (m, 2H); 1.2 (t, 6H), 1.0 (t, 3H). Anal calcd. for C₂₇H₃₇N₃O₃•HCl: C, 66.45; H, 7.45; N, 8.61. Found: C, 66.07; H, 7.83; N, 8.32.

Biological Testing

Delta- and mu-opioid receptor binding of the above compounds was determined according to the following procedures and the following results were obtained.

1) High Throughput Screening Assay for Delta-Opioid Receptor Binding

Materials: This is a receptor based screen to detect the competitive binding of test compounds at the opioid delta receptor against the radioligand, [³H]bremazocine (S.A.=25.5 Ci/mmol, Dupont/NEN, Cambridge, Massachusetts). The receptor is a cloned human cDNA expressed in mammalian CHO cells. Membranes prepared from these cells are purchased from Receptor Biology, Baltimore, MD. The reaction buffer is composed as follows: HEPES (50 mM final), MgCl₂•6H₂O (5 mM final), o-phenanthroline (20 mg/l), aprotinin (10 mg/l), Pefabloc SC (250 mg/l), leupeptin (0.5 mg/l), pepstatin A (0.7 mg/l), trypsin inhibitor (25 mg/l), chymostatin (10 mg/l), pH = 7.2. Naloxone, 10 uM, is used to define non-specific binding. The assay employs filtration to capture receptor and bound ligand.

Procedure: The receptor (membrane) preparation (28 ug protein) is allowed to incubate with the opioid receptor radioligand ([³H]bremazocine, 2.4 nM) in 96-well plates until equilibrium is reached (>2 hr). Following incubation with the radioligand at 23°C, the well contents are filtered onto 96-well Whatman GF/C filter plates using a Packard cell harvester. Radioligand bound to the receptor also remains on the filter. The filters are rinsed three times with 0.5 mL of physiological saline (0.9% NaCl) to remove any unbound radioligand from the filters. Filters are dried and scintillation fluid is then added to the filters which emits light in proportion to the amount of radioactivity on the filter which is determined using an Packard Topcount scintillation counter.

Principle: Unknown drugs included in the incubation which bind to the same receptor as the radioligand will compete for the receptor and reduce the amount of radioligand which binds to the receptor. This is detected as a decreased scintillation signal from that particular incubation. The better an unknown competes for the receptor, the larger the observed decrease in radioligand bound to the receptor; thus the assay is in the format of an inhibition study. Data are reported as percent inhibition of control binding.

Results: The following compounds were tested with the following results.

Cpd#	%I @ 25 μM	Cpd#	%I @ 25 μM
C1	97	C11	101
C3	94	C12	95

C4	41	C13	100
C5	102	C14	93
C6	101	C15	68
C7	100	C16	81
C8	69	C17	98
C9	103	C18	100
C10	100	C19	95
C20	98	C34	100
C21	70	C35	64
C22	89	C36	92
C23	91	C37	88
C24	97	C38	98
C25	100	C39	101
C26	96	C40	97
C27	97	C41	88
C28	77	C42	64
C29	85	C43	89
C30	85	C44	87
C31	100	C45	99
C32	100	C46	100
C33	98		

2) Manual Tissue Screening Assay for Delta- and Mu-Opioid Receptor Binding

A) Rat Brain δ-Opioid Receptor Binding Assay

5 Procedure: Male, Wistar rats (150-250 g, VAF, Charles River, Kingston, NY) are killed by cervical dislocation, and their brains removed and placed immediately in ice cold Tris HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.4). The forebrains are separated from the remainder of the brain by a coronal transection, beginning dorsally at the colliculi and passing ventrally through the midbrain-pontine junction. After dissection, the
10 forebrains are homogenized in Tris buffer in a Teflon[®]-glass homogenizer. The homogenate is diluted to a concentration of 1 g of forebrain tissue per 100 mL Tris

buffer and centrifuged at 39,000 X G for 10 min. The pellet is resuspended in the same volume of Tris buffer with several brief pulses from a Polytron homogenizer. This particulate preparation is used for the δ -opioid binding assays. Following incubation with the δ -selective peptide ligand [³H]DPDPE at 25°C, the tube contents 5 filtered through Whatman GF/B filter sheets on a Brandel cell harvester. The tubes and filters are rinsed three times with 4 mL of 10 mM HEPES (pH7.4), and the radioactivity associated with the filter circles determined using Formula 989 scintillation fluid (New England Nuclear, Boston, MA) in a scintillation counter.

Analysis: The data are used to calculate either the % inhibition compared to control 10 binding (when only a single concentration of test compound is evaluated) or a K_i value (when a range of concentrations is tested).

% inhibition is calculated as: 1-(test compound dpm-nonspecific dpm)/(total dpm-nonspecific dpm)*100

K_i values are calculated using the LIGAND (Munson, P.J. and Rodbard, D., Anal. 15 Biochem. 107: 220-239, 1980) data analysis program.

B) Rat Brain μ -Opioid Receptor Binding Assay

Procedure: Male, Wistar rats (150-250 g, VAF, Charles River, Kingston, NY) are killed by cervical dislocation, and their brains removed and placed immediately in ice cold Tris HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.4). The forebrains are separated from the 20 remainder of the brain by a coronal transection, beginning dorsally at the colliculi and passing ventrally through the midbrain-pontine junction. After dissection, the forebrains are homogenized in Tris buffer in a Teflon®-glass homogenizer. The homogenate is diluted to a concentration of 1 g of forebrain tissue per 100 mL Tris buffer and centrifuged at 39,000 X G for 10 min. The pellet is resuspended in the 25 same volume of Tris buffer with several brief pulses from a Polytron homogenizer. This particulate preparation is used for the μ -opioid binding assays. Following incubation with the m- selective peptide ligand [³H]DAMGO at 25°C, the tube contents are filtered through Whatman GF/B filter sheets on a Brandel cell harvester. The tubes and filters are rinsed three times with 4 mL of 10 mM HEPES (pH7.4), and 30 the radioactivity associated with the filter circles determined using Formula 989 scintillation fluid (New England Nuclear, Boston, MA) in a scintillation counter.

Analysis: The data are used to calculate either the % inhibition compared to control binding (when only a single concentration of test compound is evaluated) or a K_i value (when a range of concentrations is tested).

% inhibition is calculated as: 1-(test compound dpm-nonspecific dpm)/(total dpm-nonspecific dpm)*100

5 K_i values are calculated using the LIGAND (Munson, P.J. and Rodbard, D., *Anal. Biochem.* 107: 220-239, 1980) data analysis program.

10 Results: N,N-Diethyl-4-[phenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide fumarate, C4, exhibited a K_i of 25 nM in binding to the δ-opioid receptor and a K_i of 153 nM in binding to the μ-opioid receptor. N,N-Diethyl-4-[3-hydroxyphenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide fumarate, C2, exhibited a K_i of 0.83 nM in binding to the δ-opioid receptor and a K_i of 2,762 nM in binding to the μ-opioid receptor.

15 The activity of compounds of the invention as analgesics may be demonstrated by the mouse acetylcholine-bromide induced constriction assay as described below:

16 C) Mouse Acetylcholine Bromide-Induced Abdominal Constriction Assay

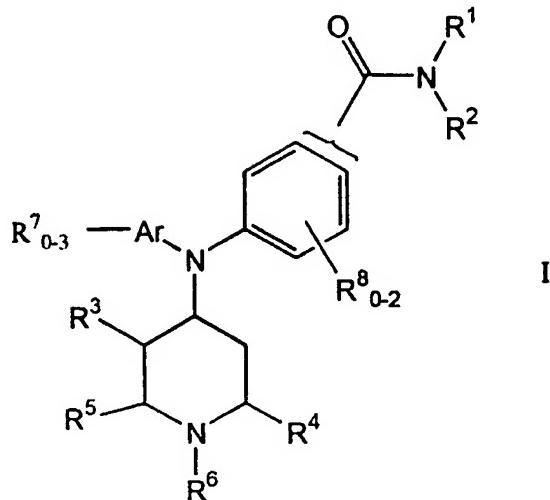
17 Procedure: The mouse acetylcholine-induced abdominal constiction assay, as described by Collier et al. in *Brit. J. Pharmacol. Chem. Ther.*, 32: 295-310, 1968, with minor modifications was used to assess analgesic potency of the compounds of formula (I). The test drugs or appropriate vehicles were administered orally (p.o.) and 30 minutes later the animal received an intraperitoneal (i.p.) injection of 5.5 mg/kg acetylcholine bromide (Matheson, Coleman and Bell, East Rutherford, NJ). The mice were then placed in groups of three into glass bell jars and observed for a ten minute observation period for the occurrence of an abdominal constriction response (defined as a wave of constriction and elongation passing caudally along the abdominal wall, accompanied by a twisting of the trunk and followed by extension of the hind limbs).

20 The percent inhibition of this response to a nociceptive stimulus (equated to % analgesia) was calculated as follows: The % inhibition of response, i.e., % analgesia is equal to the difference between the No. of control animal responses and the No. of drug-treated animal responses times 100 divided by the No. of control animals responding.

25 Results: N,N-Diethyl-4-[phenyl(1-propylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]benzamide fumarate, C4, exhibited an ED₅₀ of 4.2 μmol/kg in this assay.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound which binds to the delta-opioid receptor of the general formula:



where

- 5 Ar is phenyl, 1-naphthyl or 2-naphthyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 R⁷;
- R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈alkyl; phenyl, optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy or trifluoromethyl; or benzyl, optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy or trifluoromethyl, or alternatively, R¹ and R² are taken
- 10 together with their N of attachment to form a ring which is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl and hexamethyleneiminy, each said ring optionally substituted with 1 to 4 methyl groups;
- R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄alkyl;
- R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; C₁₋₈alkyl; C₃₋₆cycloalkylC₁₋₃alkyl,
- 15 C₃₋₆alkenyl; C₁₋₆alkoxyC₁₋₃alkyl; 4-C₁₋₄alkyl-4,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1H-tetrazol-1-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thien-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thien-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; furan-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; furan-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrrol-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrrol-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyridin-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyridin-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyridin-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrazinylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrimidin-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrimidin-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrimidin-5-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thiazol-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thiazol-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl;
- 20 thiazol-5-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; oxazol-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; oxazol-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; oxazol-5-ylC₁₋₄alkyl and phenylC₁₋₄alkyl, where the foregoing thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl and oxazolyl are optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with a non-fused R⁷ and the

foregoing pyridinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl and phenyl is optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with R⁷;

R⁷ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy, C₁₋₃acyl, C₁₋₃acyloxy, cyano, amino, C₁₋₃acylamino, C₁₋₃alkylamino, 5 di(C₁₋₃alkyl)amino, C₁₋₃alkylthio, C₁₋₃alkylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl and trifluoromethoxy, and two R⁷ can together form a single moiety selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)₃₋₅- and -O(CH₂)₁₋₃O- attached to adjacent carbon atoms of Ar; and

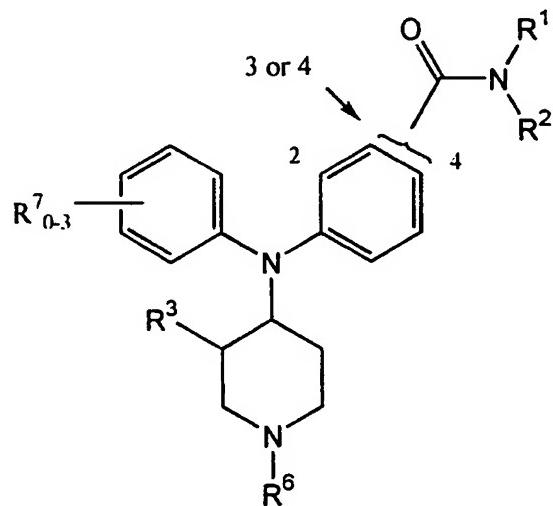
R⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy 10 and trifluoromethyl..

- 2.. The compound of claim 1 wherein Ar is phenyl.
- 3.. The compound of claim 1 wherein R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, i-butyl, phenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-fluorophenyl, p-methylphenyl, 15 p-trifluoromethylphenyl, benzyl, p-chlorobenzyl, p-fluorobenzyl, p-methylbenzyl and p-trifluoromethylbenzyl, or alternatively, R¹ and R² are taken together with their N of attachment to form a ring which is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl and piperidinyl.
- 4.. The compound of claim 1 wherein R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected 20 from hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl and t-butyl.
- 5.. The compound of claim 1 wherein R⁶ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, i-butyl, t-butyl, cyclopropylmethyl, ethenyl, allyl, methoxymethyl, benzyl, p-chlorobenzyl, p-fluorobenzyl, p-methylbenzyl, p-trifluoromethylbenzyl, p-aminobenzyl, thien-2-ylCH₂CH₂-, thien-3-ylCH₂CH₂-, 25 pyridin-3-ylCH₂CH₂-, pyridin-4-ylCH₂CH₂-, thiazol-2-ylCH₂CH₂- and phenylCH₂CH₂-.
- 6.. The compound of claim 1 wherein R⁷ are independently selected from the

group consisting of hydroxy, chloro, bromo, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, i-butyl, t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, formyl, acyl, acetoxy, cyano, amino, methylamido, methylamino, N,N-dimethylamino, methylthio, methylsulfonyl, trifluoromethoxy and trifluoromethyl, and preferred moieties where two R⁷ together
 5 form a single moiety are selected from the group consisting of propylene, butylene and -OCH₂O-.

7. The compound of claim 1 wherein R⁸ are independently selected from the group consisting of chloro, bromo, fluoro, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy and trifluoromethyl.

10 8. The compound of claim 1 having the general structure:



where R¹, R², R³, R⁶ and R⁷ are dependently selected from the groups consisting of:

Cpd#	R ⁷	R ⁶	R ¹	R ²	amide subst.	R ³
P1	none	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P2	none	-CH ₂ ◀	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P3	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P4	3-OH	-CH ₂ ◀	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H

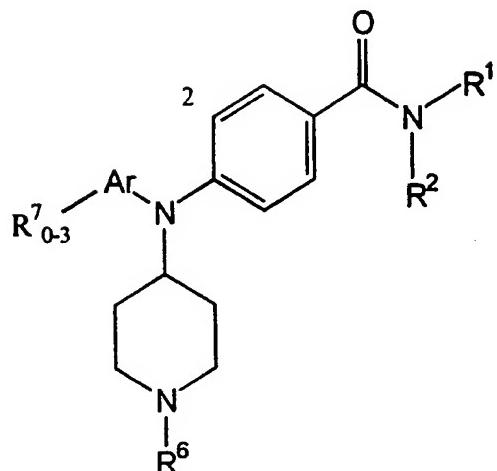
P5	3-OH	-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P6	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P7	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P8	3-OH	-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P9	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P10	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P11	3-OH	-CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P12	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P13	3-OH	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P14	none	-CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P15	none	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P16	none	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P17	3-F	-CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P18	3-F	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P19	3-F	-CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P20	3-OCH ₃	-CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P21	3-OCH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P22	3-OCH ₃	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P23	3,4-OCH ₂ O-	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P24	3,4-OCH ₂ O-	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P25	3,4-OCH ₂ O-	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P26	3,4-OCH ₂ O-	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P27	3-N(CH ₃) ₂	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P28	3-N(CH ₃) ₂	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P29	3-N(CH ₃) ₂	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P30	3-N(CH ₃) ₂	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P31	4-F	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P32	4-F	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P33	4-F	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P34	4-F	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P35	2-F	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P36	2-F	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H

P37	2-F	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P38	2-F	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P39	3-Cl, 4-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P40	3-Cl, 4-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P41	3-Cl, 4-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P42	3-Cl, 4-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P43	3-CF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P44	3-CF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P45	3-CF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P46	3-CF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P47	3-OCH ₃ , 5-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P48	3-OCH ₃ , 5-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P49	3-OCH ₃ , 5-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P50	3-OCH ₃ , 5-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P51	3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P52	3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P53	3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P54	3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P55	4-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P56	4-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P57	4-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P58	4-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P59	2-CH ₃ , 3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P60	2-CH ₃ , 3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P61	2-CH ₃ , 3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P62	2-CH ₃ , 3-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P63	3-OCF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P64	3-OCF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P65	3-OCF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H
P66	3-OCF ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H
P67	3-SCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P68	3-SCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H

P69	3-SCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	2-C ₃ H ₇	4	H	
P70	3-SCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₄ H ₉	-nC ₄ H ₉	4	H	
P71	none	-CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P72	none	-H	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P73	none	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P74	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P75	3-OCH ₃	-CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P76	3-OCH ₃	-H	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P77	3-OCH ₃	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P78	3-OCH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me	
P79	none	-CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me	
P80	none	-H	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me	
P81	none	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me	
P82	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me	
P83	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H	
P84	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	3	H	
P85	none	-nC ₃ H ₇	-CH ₂ Ph	-CH ₂ CH ₃	3	H	
P86	none	-nC ₃ H ₇		-(CH ₂) ₅ -	3	H	
P87	* 2,3-	-nC ₃ H ₇		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	3	H
	CH=CHCH=CH-						
P88	* 2,3-	-nC ₃ H ₇		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
	CH=CHCH=CH-						
P89	3,4-(CH ₂) ₄ -	-nC ₃ H ₇		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P90	3,4-(CH ₂) ₄ -	-nC ₃ H ₇		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P91	3,4-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -	-nC ₃ H ₇		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P92	3,4-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -	-nC ₃ H ₇		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P93	none			-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P94	m-F			-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H

P95	m-sCH ₃		-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me
P96	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P97	m-oCH ₃		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P98	m-OH		-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	tr-Me
P99	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P100	o-F		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P101	o-CH ₃		-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	ci-Me
P102	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P103	p-OH		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P104	p-F		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	tr-Me
P105	None		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P106	m-sCH ₃		-nC ₃ H ₇	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H
P107	m-oCF ₃		-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	ci-Me
P108	none		-CH ₂ CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P109	m-CH ₃		-CH ₃	-CH ₂ CH ₃	4	H
P110	2, 3-oCH ₃		-CH ₃	-nC ₃ H ₇	4	H

8. The compound of claim 1 having the general structure:



where R¹, R², R⁶ and R⁷-Ar are dependently selected from the groups consisting of:

Cpd#	R ⁷ -Ar	R ⁶	R ¹	R ²
C1	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	1-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C2	3-HO-Ph	1-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C3	Ph	1-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C4	Ph	1-Propyl	Methyl	Ph
C5	3-Cl-Ph	1-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C6	3-Cl-Ph	1-Propyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -
C7	2-CH ₃ O-Ph	1-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C8	1-Naphthyl	1-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C9	1-Naphthyl	1-Propyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -
C10	Ph	Methyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C11	Ph	Methyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl
C12	Ph	Methyl	Methyl	Ethyl
C13	Ph	Methyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl
C14	Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -
C15	Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -
C16	Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -

C17	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C18	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl
C19	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	Methyl	Ethyl
C20	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl
C21	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl	-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -	
C22	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -
C23	3-CH ₃ O-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -
C24	3-F-Ph	Methyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C25	3-F-Ph	Methyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl
C26	3-F-Ph	Methyl	Methyl	Ethyl
C27	3-F-Ph	Methyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl
C28	3-F-Ph	Methyl	-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -	
C29	3-F-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -
C30	3-F-Ph	Methyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -
C31	Ph	Ethyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C32	Ph	Ethyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl
C33	Ph	Ethyl	Methyl	Ethyl
C34	Ph	Ethyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl
C35	Ph	Ethyl	-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -	
C36	Ph	Ethyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -
C37	Ph	Ethyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -
C38	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C39	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	1-Propyl	1-Propyl
C40	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	Methyl	Ethyl
C41	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	2-Propyl	2-Propyl
C42	3-F-Ph	Ethyl	-(CH ₂) ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -	
C43	3-F-Ph	Ethyl		-(CH ₂) ₅ -
C44	3-F-Ph	Ethyl		-(CH ₂) ₄ -
C45	Ph	Benzyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
C46	3-CH ₃ C(O)O-	n-Propyl	Ethyl	Ethyl

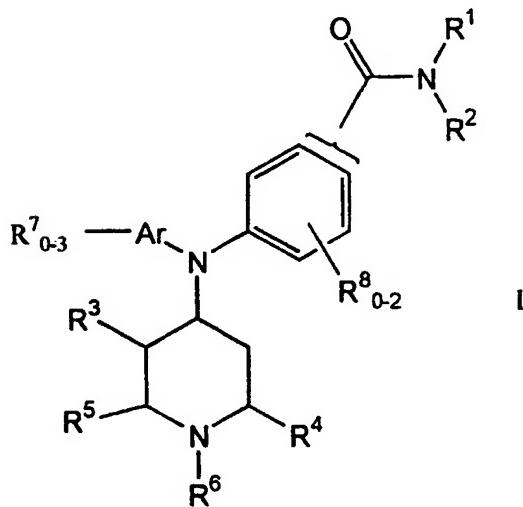
11. The compounds of claim 1 which are effective analgesics.

12. The compounds of claim 1 which are effective immunosuppressants, antiinflammatory agents, agents for the treatment of mental illness, medicaments for drug and alcohol abuse, agents for treating gastritis and diarrhea, cardiovascular agents, and agents for the treatment of respiratory diseases.

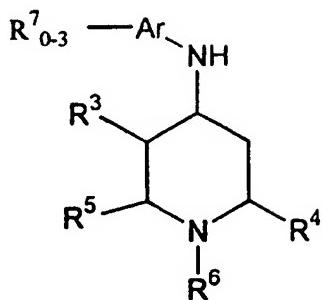
5 13. A method for the treatment of pain in mammals comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

14. A method of the therapeutic treatment of a mammal comprising administering a compound of claim 1 which is effective as an immunosuppressant, antiinflammatory agent, agent for the treatment of mental illness, medicament for drug and alcohol abuse, agent for treating gastritis and diarrhea, cardiovascular agent, or agent for the treatment of respiratory diseases, in an effective amount to such mammal in need of the same.

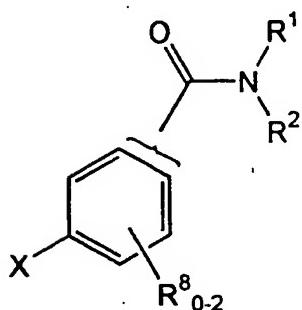
15. A method to make a compound of the formula:



15 comprising the step of arylating a compound of the formula:



in the presence of a palladium catalyst, a phosphine ligand and a base with a compound of the formula:



X = Br, I, OSO₂CF₃

5 where

Ar is phenyl, 1-naphthyl or 2-naphthyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 R⁷;

R¹ and R² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈alkyl; phenyl, optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy or trifluoromethyl; or benzyl, optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with halo,

10 C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy or trifluoromethyl, or alternatively, R¹ and R² are taken together with their N of attachment to form a ring which is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl and hexamethyleneiminy, each said ring optionally substituted with 1 to 4 methyl groups;

R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄alkyl;

15 R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; C₁₋₈alkyl; C₃₋₆cycloalkylC₁₋₃alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl; C₁₋₆alkoxyC₁₋₃alkyl; 4-C₁₋₄alkyl-4,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1H-tetrazol-1-

- ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thien-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thien-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; furan-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; furan-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrrol-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrrol-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyridin-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyridin-3-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyridin-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrazinylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrimidin-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrimidin-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; pyrimidin-5-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thiazol-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thiazol-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; thiazol-5-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; oxazol-2-ylC₁₋₄alkyl oxazol-4-ylC₁₋₄alkyl; oxazol-5-ylC₁₋₄alkyl and phenylC₁₋₄alkyl, where the foregoing thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl and oxazolyl are optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with a non-fused R⁷ and the foregoing pyridinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl and phenyl is optionally mono-, di-, or tri-substituted with R⁷;
- 10 R⁷ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy, C₁₋₃acyl, C₁₋₃acyloxy, cyano, amino, C₁₋₃acylamino, C₁₋₃alkylamino, di(C₁₋₃alkyl)amino, C₁₋₃alkylthio, C₁₋₃alkylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl and trifluoromethoxy, and two R⁷ can together form a single moiety selected from the group consisting of -(CH₂)₃₋₅- and -O(CH₂)₁₋₃O- attached to adjacent carbon atoms of Ar; and
- 15 R⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy and trifluoromethyl..

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